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I favor the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order (January 23, 2009) by the Central Valley RWQCB to the El Dorado County Dept. of Transportation. Back in the 1940s, my dad, a Marine sergeant back from the south Pacific, was the first to cross the Rubicon Trail in a newfangled Jeep. But those days are long gone. The Sierra Nevada is too important to serve as a playground for unfettered ORV abuse.

The Board must stop erosion, soil compaction, and damage to vegetation and wildlife. Hopefully the Regional Board will prevent this situation from getting even worse. Let's follow the recommendations of the environmental experts.

I am sure the off-roaders will be scrambling to dodge regulations. They will undoubtedly be making all sorts of promises about how good they will be in the future. But don't be fooled. The draft Cleanup and Abatement Order should be formally adopted.

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